बारिश होने पर पहाडी नालों से कट जाती हैं और फिर वे जगह अपराधियों का स्वर्ग बन जाती हैं क्योंकि वहां पर किसी का सर्च नहीं हो पाता है। अभी ऐसी जानकारी मिली है कि बड़ी मात्रा में जिम कार्बेट पार्क में और राजाजी नेशनल पार्क में ऐसे अपराधी प्रवेश कर गए हैं जिनसे वहां के जीव-जंतुओं को खतरा पैदा हो गया है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या उन्हें इस विषय की जानकारी है? यदि जानकारी है तो इस पर उनकी क्या टिप्पणी है?

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Sir, as far as the Jim Corbett National Park incident is concerned, a deputy ranger was shot dead by the miscreants on 28th August, 2001, and two guards were injured. As far as the other part of the question put by the hon. Member is concerned, we have not received any information in that regard. A sum of Rs. 5000/- has been given as *ex-gratia* payment to the families of the deceased person, and the Government is conscious of taking proper action in this regard.

DR. KARAN SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, as the Chairman of the Indian Board for Wildlife, I was closely involved with these projects. The Jim Corbett National Park had a very bad incident last year in which five or six elephants were massacred, their tusks were cut off, and a deputy ranger was killed. Now more than a year has elapsed. Have you not come to any conclusion on that? When is the Minister going to inform us about the action taken in this regard? If you cannot take action against the culprits for committing a crime in one of our major national parks and an outrage of that nature, how can you say that you are effectively protecting animals?

SHRI. T.R. BAALU: Sir, I appreciate the concern expressed by the hon. Member. Actually, inquiry is going on in this case, and as and when the report is submitted to me, I will pass on that information to the hon. Members.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ASNWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Restrictions on Madarsas

*184. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to put restrictions on Madarsas, as has been done in Pakistan; and

(b) whether Government would have financial control over Madarsas, prescribe their syllabi, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Formation of Zoo Cadre

*185. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Zoo Cadre, which was proposed to be formed in 1998, has not been formed so far and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when it is likely to be informed?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The proposal has been considered but was not found feasible.

Performance appraisal of CSIR Labs

*186. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appraised the performance of each and every laboratory under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

(b) if so, the conclusions of the appraising team; and

(c) what action is proposed on these conclusions?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) As per the CSIR Rules & Regulations, the performance of each laboratory/institute is to be assessed at least once in every three years by a Performance Appraisal Board (PAB), Constituted for the specific purpose. Accordingly, PABs were constituted for the assessment of the CSIR laboratories. All the PABs have met and appraised the performance. Proceedings of the PAB meetings held in respect of